

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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**CHAP. 208.**

ing demolished to stop fire.

R. S., chap. 26, sect. 10, amended.

Sects. 11, 12, 13 and 14, chap. 26, R. S., repeated.

“town,” in the fifth line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words, ‘to be recovered in a special action on the case,’ so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

‘*Sect. 10.* If the pulling down or demolishing any building, except that in which the fire originated, is the means of stopping the fire, or if the fire is stopped before it comes to the same, then the owner of such buildings shall be entitled to a reasonable compensation therefor from the town, to be recovered in a special action on the case.’

**SECT. 2.** Sections eleven, twelve, thirteen and fourteen of said chapter, are hereby repealed.

Approved February 24, 1871.

**Chapter 208.**

An act additional to chapter one hundred and forty-three of the revised statutes, relating to the insane hospital.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

Treasurer of hospital to charge interest on debts due, after thirty days.

**SECT. 1.** The treasurer of the insane hospital is hereby authorized and required to charge and collect interest on all debts hereafter due and payable to said hospital, from towns and individuals for board and clothing of patients, after thirty days from the time when the same shall become due.

**SECT. 2.** This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 24, 1871.

**Chapter 209.**

An act relative to the inspection of herring.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

Inspection of herring not required. Boxes to be branded with name of person putting them up.

Hereafter no inspection of smoked herring shall be required in this state, but all smoked herring put up in boxes or casks for sale in this state, shall be branded on the cask or box enclosing them with the first letter of the christian and the whole of the surname of the person putting up the same, and with the name of the state and the place where such person lives, and all such fish offered for sale or shipping not thus branded shall be forfeited,

one-half to the use of the town where the offence is committed, and the other half to the person libeling the same; and all laws and parts of laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. CHAP. 210.

Approved February 24, 1871.

### Chapter 210.

An act to promote immigration and facilitate the settlement of the public lands.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECT. 1. There shall be a board of immigration in this state, composed of the governor, secretary of state and land agent. Board of immigration.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of said board to appoint a commissioner of immigration, an agent resident in Sweden, and an agent resident in New Sweden, Maine, and to exercise a general supervision over the expenditure of all moneys appropriated by this act. Duty of the board.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of said commissioner to collect statistics and other useful information concerning the climate, soil, productions and resources of the state, the amount and location of unsettled lands in Maine, the terms offered by the state to settlers, together with the condition and progress of the colony at New Sweden, and such other information as he may deem proper, and cause the same to be translated into the Swedish language and distributed in Sweden and the United States in such manner as may be deemed desirable and best calculated to promote the provisions of this act; *provided* the whole amount expended for this purpose shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars. Duty of commissioner of immigration in regard to publishing information to encourage immigration.

SECT. 4. It shall be the further duty of said commissioner to exercise a general care and oversight over all immigrants coming to Maine, to give them all needful information, to assist them in settling upon the public lands of the state, or obtaining employment within its borders, and to have special charge of the colony at New Sweden, to the end that its development and prosperity may be promoted in every way consistent with law; and the compensation and entire expenses of said commissioner shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars. Duty of commissioner towards immigrants.

SECT. 5. The first agent provided for in section second of this act shall reside in Gothenburg, Sweden; shall have charge of the printing and of the distribution throughout Sweden of all documents and information to be furnished him by the commissioner, shall use his best endeavors in every lawful way to encourage emigration to Maine, to protect the emigrants from fraud and im- Compensation.  
Duty of agent in Sweden.